MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: No, Sir.

PRESIDENT: Why should we borrow? Fortunately we have got a little more than that amount at our disposal.

The Transport Department.

117 *MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of buses run by the Government Transport Department up to and on 1-6-1117 in the various routes throughout the State and the number of buses running on 1-11-1118;

(*b*) the number of conductors and checking inspectors in the Transport Department on 1-6-1117 and their number on 1-11-1118;

(*c*) whether conductors and checking inspectors of Transport Department were recruited to Assam Labour Corps, and if the answer is in the affirmative, the number of them recruited up to 15-11-1118 and

(*d*) whether new men are recruited as checkers and conductors in the vacancy of the abovesaid Assam recruits?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI (*Superintendent of Road Transport*): (*a*) 88 and 91 respectively.

(*b*) Conductors 162, Inspectors 49 } on 1-6-1117

Conductors 192, Inspectors 49 } on 1-11-1118

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of answer to part (*c*)

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDHANAN NAIR (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): When the number of buses increased by eight, may I know from the member why the number of conductors was increased by thirty?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Some of the buses have got three conductors operating per day.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR: Among the number of Inspectors may I know whether District Inspectors are also included?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: No, Sir.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDHAN NAIR: Even taking three conductors as operating per bus, the number comes only to 24. While the number of buses has increased by eight, the number of conductors has increased by thirty. May I know how this difference arose?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: It is not only for the eight buses that the additional number of conductors are intended. Three conductors are required for other buses also.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN (*Pattanamthitta*): May I know whether any District Inspector was recruited?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN: May I know how many?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Only one.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether there is any particular reason for having three conductors for one bus?

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MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Yes, Sir. The duty of operation for each conductor ranges between 6 to 8 hours which will depend upon the arduousness of the work of each conductor.

Transport buses.

118 *MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the body of the transport buses can be built with nails and timber planks?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: The answer is in the negative.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR: May I know with what material the upper portion of the bus is constructed?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Metal sheets.

Adjustment of staff in the Muvattupuzha Division of the Education Department.

119 *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any staff adjustment has been effected since Edavom 1117 in the Muvattupuzha Division of the Education Department; and

(*b*) if not, the causes for the delay?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: (*a*) The adjustment of staff in schools in the Muvattupuzha Division, for the current school year, was effected in Karkadakom 1117 M. E.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*a*) above.

Complaints regarding the harm done to the pupils of the Kidangannur Sanskrit School.

120 *MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any complaint from the Manager of the Sanskrit School, Kidangannur, regarding the serious harm done to the pupils attending the school by the toddy shop and its frequenters?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: No.

Channel from Mavarapadom to Kadakkattu punja.

121 *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was any representation to open a channel from 'Mavarapadom' in Muttathu Muri, Thonnallur pakuthi, to Kadakkattu punja in the same pakuthi, *via* Kallattil punja in Mavelikara; and

(*b*) whether any action is taken on the same?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The investigation for the preparation of the estimate and plans is being conducted.

Chalakal Thodu.

122 * MR. K. S. SEBASTIAN (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any representation has been received for the completion of the Chalakal thodu in the Changanacherry taluk; and

(*b*) what steps, if any, have been taken in this connection?

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